

Forest County's Older Population

Social and Economic Characteristics

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	Forest County		Wisconsin
Household Income (Householder Age 65+)		Percent	Percent
Income less than \$35,000	945	75.7%	65.2%
Income less than \$50,000	1,076	86.2%	80.4%

Persons 65+ with Incomes Below Poverty Level	Number	Percent	Percent
Below Poverty	149	8.4%	7.4%
Below 2.0 x Poverty	696	39.1%	29.6%

Median Income: Comparing Age Groups		Dollars	Dollars
Total (Householders of all ages)		\$32,023	\$43,791
Householder 65 to 74 years		\$26,534	\$31,328
Householder 75 years and over		\$16,429	\$21,046

Employment Status: Persons Age 65+	Number	Percent	Percent
Males Employed in Civilian Labor Force	132	14.9%	17.7%
Females Employed in Civilian Labor Force	81	7.7%	9.3%

Educational Attainment: Persons Age 65+	Number	Percent	Percent
65+; Less than 9th grade	339	17.6%	17.8%
65+; 9th to 12th grade; no diploma	382	19.8%	15.5%
65+; High school graduate (includes equivalency)	812	42.1%	38.2%
65+; Some college; no Bachelor's degree	262	13.6%	13.7%
65+, Bachelor's degree or more	135	7.0%	12.7%

Marital Status: Persons Age 65+	Number	Percent	Percent
Never married	57	3.0%	4.7%
Married	1,115	57.8%	52.9%
Separated	71	3.7%	5.2%
Widowed	570	29.5%	31.3%
Divorced	117	6.1%	5.9%
Males , 65 and over, married	651	73.7%	71.3%
Females , 65 and over, married	464	44.3%	39.9%

Disability Status, Persons Age 65+	Number	Percent	Percent
Persons 65 or older with any disability	684	38.5%	36.5%
With a sensory disability	250	14.1%	11.9%
With a physical disability	470	26.4%	24.1%
With a mental disability	111	6.2%	7.6%
With a self-care disability	91	5.1%	7.5%
With a go-outside-home disability	272	15.3%	17.7%
Age 65+, with disability and income below poverty level	69	10.1%	10.6%